

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Applicants : Sumi TANAKA, et al. **Confirmation No.: 2808**  
U.S. Serial No. : 10/568,683  
Filed : February 17, 2006  
Examiner : Ram Kackar  
Group Art Unit : 1792  
For : SUBSTRATE HOLDING STRUCTURE AND  
SUBSTRATE PROCESSING APPARATUS

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF JANUARY 26, 2009**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in reply to the Office Action mailed January 26, 2009, to which the time for response is set to expire April 26, 2009. Please accept this Response as timely filed.

Please further amend this application as follows.

Amendment to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.